

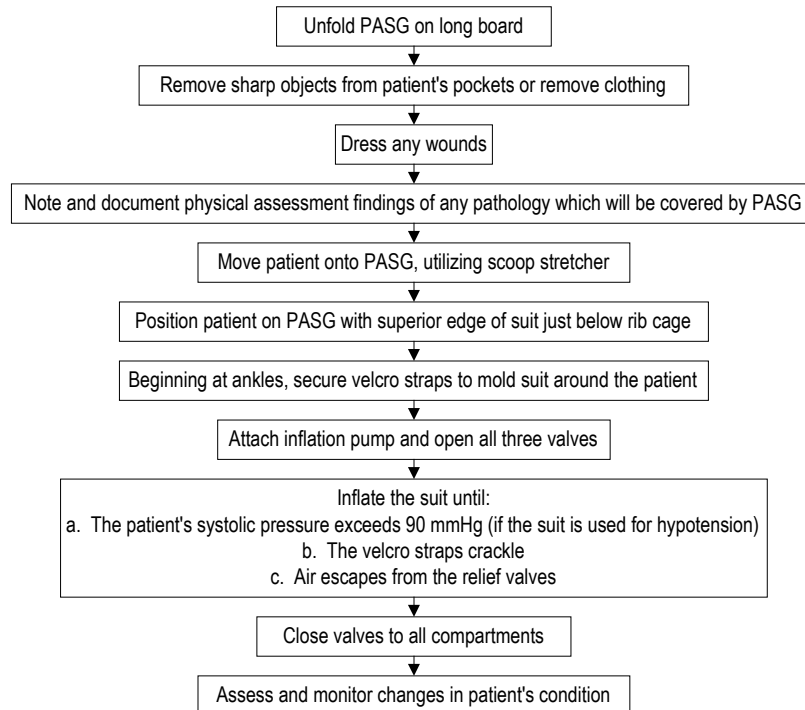
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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
PNEUMATIC ANTI-SHOCK
GARMENT (PASG) (MAST)**

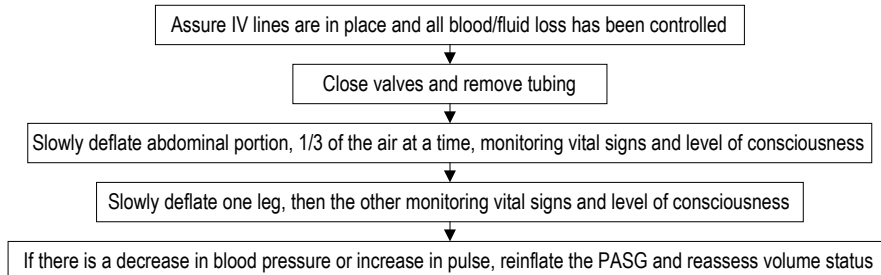
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Purpose: To increase intra-abdominal/intra-pelvic pressure and peripheral vascular resistance To provide rigid stabilization for suspected pelvic and/or lower extremity fractures		Indications: Suspected abdominal aortic aneurysm Suspected pelvic and/or femur fracture Extensive soft tissue injuries to lower extremities	
Advantages: Increased arterial blood pressure Increased venous return to the heart Increased/stabilized cardiac output Decrease of hemorrhage under the garment Stabilization of fractures	Disadvantages: Covers abdomen, pelvis and lower extremities, obscuring visualization	Complications: Increase in hemorrhage in areas not covered by garment Application may delay transport	Contraindications: <u><i>Absolute Contraindications</i></u> Pulmonary edema/CHF Penetrating thoracic injury Thoracic aneurysm or dissection <u><i>Contraindications to abdominal inflation:</i></u> Abdominal evisceration Acute abdominal distention Impaled object in abdomen 3 rd trimester pregnancy

INFLATION



DEFLATION



NOTES:

- Deflation should be stopped anytime the patient's systolic pressure falls more than 5 mmHg or pulse increases by more than 5 beats/minute or there is any change in level of consciousness.